

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A support and insulating member for a corner post made of thin sheet material and used to enclose one corner of an external wall of a building, the corner post being spaced from the external wall to define a longitudinally extending hollow space therebetween, said support and insulating member comprising:

a single member formed from a single homogeneous piece having first and second longitudinally extending portions with first and second flanges respectively, the first portion lying in a first plane angularly disposed with respect to the second portion lying in a second plane, wherein said first and second longitudinally extending portions have lengths adapted for corresponding to the length of the corner of the building and wherein said single member defines a cornered inner surface adapted for contacting the building and a spaced apart cornered outer surface substantially parallel to said cornered inner surface adapted for contacting the corner post;

[a first support member] the first flange lying in the first plane and extending outwardly from said first portion a predetermined distance and extending continuously along the entire length of said first portion and from said cornered inner surface radially outwardly; and

[a second support member] the second flange lying in the second plane and extending outwardly from said second portion a predetermined distance and extending continuously along the entire length of said second portion[, wherein said first and second support member flanges extend] and from said cornered inner surface radially outwardly.

2. (Twice Amended) The support and insulating member of claim 1 wherein said:

support and insulating member is fabricated from a material having insulating qualities.

3. (Twice Amended) ~~The support member of claim 2 wherein~~ A support and insulating member for a corner post made of thin sheet material and used to enclose one corner of an external wall of a building, the corner post being spaced from the external wall to define a longitudinally extending hollow space therebetween, said support and insulating member comprising:

a single member having first and second longitudinally extending portions, the first portion lying in a first plane angularly disposed with respect to the second portion lying in a second plane, wherein said first and second longitudinally extending portions have lengths adapted for corresponding to the length of the corner of the building and wherein said single member defines a cornered inner surface adapted for contacting the building and a spaced apart cornered outer surface parallel to said cornered inner surface adapted for contacting the corner post;

a first support member flange lying in the first plane and extending outwardly from said first portion a predetermined distance and extending continuously along the entire length of said first portion and from said cornered inner surface radially outwardly; and

a second support member flange lying in the second plane and extending outwardly from said second portion a predetermined distance and extending continuously along the entire length of said second portion and from said cornered inner surface radially outwardly,

wherein the support and insulating member is fabricated from a material having insulating qualities, and said material is selected from the group consisting of expanded, extruded or molded polystyrene foam plastic.

4. (Twice Amended) The support and insulating member of claim 1 wherein the support and insulating member has a length and thickness adapted for corresponding to and for filling the hollow space between the corner post and the external wall of the building along the entire length of the corner of the building.

5. (New) An insulating support comprising:

a single member formed from a single homogeneous piece having first and second portions angularly disposed from each other, said first and second portions defining a cornered inner surface and a cornered outer surface generally parallel to said cornered inner surface, said single homogeneous piece member having first and second flanges extending outwardly from the first and second portions respectively, said first and second flanges extending continuously along an entire length of the first and second portions.

6. (New) A support and insulating member for supporting and insulating a corner post, the corner post made of thin sheet material used to enclose one corner of an external wall of a building, the corner post being spaced from the external wall to define a longitudinally extending hollow space therebetween, the support and insulating member comprising:

a single member formed of a material uniform throughout, the single member having first and second longitudinally extending portions with first and second flanges respectively, the first portion lying in a first plane angularly disposed with respect to the second portion lying in a second plane, wherein the first and second longitudinally extending portions have lengths adapted for corresponding to the length of the corner of the building and wherein the single member defines a cornered inner surface adapted for contacting the building and a spaced apart cornered outer surface generally parallel to the cornered inner surface adapted for contacting the corner post, the first flange lying in the first plane and extending outwardly from the first portion a predetermined distance and extending continuously along the entire length of the first portion and from the cornered inner surface radially outwardly, and the second flange lying in the second plane and extending outwardly from the second portion a predetermined distance and extending continuously along the entire length of the second portion and from the cornered inner surface radially outwardly.

7. (New) The support and insulating member of claim 6, wherein the material has insulating qualities.

8. (New) The support and insulating member of claim 6, wherein the material is selected from the group consisting of expanded polystyrene foam plastic, extruded polystyrene foam plastic, and molded polystyrene foam plastic.

9. (New) The support and insulating member of claim 6, wherein the support and insulating member has a length and thickness adapted for corresponding to and for filling the hollow space between the corner post and the external wall of the building along the entire length of the corner of the building.

10. (New) An insulating support comprising:
a single member formed of a material uniform throughout and having first and second portions angularly disposed from each other, the first and second portions defining a cornered inner surface and a cornered outer surface substantially parallel to the cornered inner surface, the single member having first and second flanges extending outwardly from the first and second portions respectively, the first and second flanges extending continuously along an entire length of the first and second portions.